

# BEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 April 2018

**PRESENT:** G Lockhart-White (Chair), A Alderton, J Clark, M Orsler and T Ridyard

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Co Cllr P Otton, Dist Cllr D Haley, and 4 members of the public

17/154	<b>ANNOUNCEMENT:</b> SALC's statement regarding filming/recording of meetings was read out.	
17/155	<b>APOLOGIES NOTED:</b> Cllrs G Jones and A Pope	
17/156	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> None	
17/157	<p><b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:</b> Co Cllr Otton reported as follows</p> <p><u>School Transport Proposals:</u> On 22 March, a majority vote means that councillors will not be able to vote on these proposals, before the Cabinet makes its decision in June. I am deeply disappointed that this motion did not receive the support of the council.</p> <p><u>New Chief Executive announced:</u> Nicola Beach has been appointed Chief Executive following a unanimous recommendation by the authority's Staff Appointments Committee and decision by the full council. Nicola, who is currently executive director of infrastructure and environment at Essex County Council, will join SCC this summer. Sue Cook will continue in her role as Interim Chief Executive until then, after which time when she will return to her role as corporate director of health, wellbeing and children's services.</p> <p><u>Respublica commissioned to examine options for public sector reform in Suffolk:</u> Cllr Noble, Leader of SCC, announced that he has commissioned Respublica to look at public sector reform in Suffolk. The think-tank will examine the current arrangements for public service delivery and will report back on the merits of making a bid to the government for a reformed system. The review will look once again at the possibility of a unitary CC. However, Cllr Noble has also insisted that other options will be considered; East and West Suffolk unitaries, an option including a Greater Ipswich unitary council, or enhancing the existing two-tier system.</p> <p>County and district/borough councillors were not consulted, and the announcement has not been well-received by the leaders of Ipswich Borough Council and Waveney District Council. The review is expected to cost £68,000.</p> <p><u>Potholes – funding boost and rise in insurance claims:</u> Potholes continue to be a key issue for councillors and residents alike. There are two significant updates this month; SCC receives cash boost to deal with potholes. Following the bad weather in February and March, SCC has received £2.5m of additional funding from the Government to help with road repairs.</p> <p>Rise in insurance claims against SCC due to "carriageway surface defects", such as potholes, have risen from 363 in 2013 to 647 in 2017. A total of 2239 claims were made in this five-year period, but 84.7% of these were successfully defended by SCC. Despite this, during that period, SCC paid out £226,432 in compensation and legal fees.</p> <p><u>Suffolk Waste Partnership awarded £10k</u></p> <p>This money has been awarded from the Government's Litter Innovation Fund, to run innovative local projects aimed at reducing litter. It is planned to use the funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial new style litter bins at key layby locations and improve labelling and signage of litter bins along the A11, A12 and A14.</li> <li>• Trial new remote monitoring technology to help councils co-ordinate litter bin emptying more efficiently and effectively.</li> <li>• Ensure that any person taken to court and convicted for a littering offence anywhere in Suffolk is named and shamed publicly.</li> <li>• Run an awareness campaign to remind residents and visitors alike about the issues and the consequences of littering.</li> <li>• Educate residents and businesses about how to prevent their waste inadvertently escaping their control and ending up as litter.</li> </ul>	

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